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Dear Interested Party,

Please accept this letter as an invitation to share your thoughts regarding the 20 Mile Creek Restoration Project on the Great Divide District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Forest Service is proposing to restore the Twentymile stream channel at the site of an old railroad grade crossing that washed out a number of years ago. The project area is located east of Forest Road 378 (Wisco Road) in T44N R5W Section 6 in the Town of Grandview, Bayfield County, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the project is to reduce the current impacts to Twentymile Creek at this site as one step in the on-going effort of improving the health and condition of the Twentymile Creek Priority Watershed. Another purpose is to restore the natural hydrology to this section of the stream to improve the aquatic and riparian habitat.

The proposed actions include removal of the remnant railroad grade crossing, lowering the tail-water control, and allowing the normal stream flow to be contained in one channel. Additional details are provided in the attached information packet.

The Forest Service will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project. The information packet for comment is located on the internet at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/cnnf/nepa>; click on "20 Mile Creek Restoration". Please contact us for assistance in obtaining the information if you experience any difficulties or prefer a paper copy.

Your comments and any relevant information you may have will help in making this decision. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.5, the formal comment period for this project will begin with the publication of the Legal Notice in The Daily Press of Ashland, WI. This is expected to occur within the next few days. You are responsible for verifying the actual date of publication.

If you have project specific questions, you may contact Deb Proctor, Team Leader, at 715-634-4821 ext. 325 or Jim Mineau, Hydrologist and the project technical expert, at 715-762-5182.

Thank you for your continued interest in the management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Constance Cummins
Constance Cummins
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